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14. (Unclassified - JMM) Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to ask if Howard Hunt was still receiving an annuity from the Agency. I said I assumed he was but would look into it. Braswell commented that if so "we might do something about it."

15. (Unclassified - JMM) Met with Gordon Nease, Professional Staff Member, Senate Armed Services Committee, who has been appointed by Chairman John Stennis to conduct a preliminary investigation in the Ellsberg matter. See Memo for Record.

16. (Unclassified - JMM) Briefed Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, on the highlights of our involvement in the Ellsberg matter.

17. (Unclassified - JMM) Briefed Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, on the highlights of our involvement in the Ellsberg matter and gave him for background use only a summary paper on this subject.

18. (Internal Use Only - JMM) Briefed Herb Roback, Staff Director, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Legislation and Military Operations, on our involvement in the Ellsberg matter. Roback said we were in for rather serious trouble regarding the legality of some of our activities in the U.S. He showed me copies of letters Chairman Holifield had received from Representatives McCloskey and Koch. The McCloskey letter recommended that the Agency's covert action authorities be revoked and its activities be limited to espionage in which he said its record was excellent. Koch had written to Holifield urging that the Government Operations Committee conduct a thorough investigation of the Agency's operations in the U.S. Roback showed me a draft response which he had prepared for Holifield's signature explaining to Koch that Holifield had been in touch with Chairman Nedzi, House Armed Services Intelligence Subcommittee, and been assured that Nedzi, whose Subcommittee had primary jurisdiction, was giving the matter due attention.

Roback suggested that one answer to questions of why the Agency responded to improper White House requests was to point out that legally we are directly subordinate to the National Security Council, and through it the President, and to raise the question of whether the Congress would really like to see the Agency become autonomous, independent of any higher authority.

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